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SPEAKERS

Scott Avedisian, Mayor, [City of Warwick, R.I.](#)

Warwick Mayor Scott Avedisian was born in Warwick and educated in the public schools of Warwick and Washington, DC. He was graduated from [Providence College](#), attended graduate classes at the [University of Rhode Island](#), and is a graduate of [Leadership Rhode Island](#).

Prior to his election as the 15th Mayor of the City of Warwick, Avedisian served five terms as a member of the [Warwick City Council](#).

A liberal Republican, Avedisian has championed human services reform and environmental protection during his tenure as Mayor of the state's second largest city. Under his administration, more than 128 acres of open space has been acquired or protected. The [United States Conference of Mayors](#) has recognized him for his leadership in combating cancer and raising health awareness.

Mayor Avedisian has a long history of public service. Beginning in his high school days, Avedisian was a page to the late United States Senator John Chafee, a legislative aide for the Rhode Island Senate, a workshop leader for In-Site Rhode Island, Executive Director of the [Rhode Island Republican Party](#), and Deputy Campaign Manager for Rhode Island Governor Lincoln Almond.

In 1995, Avedisian was tapped by Almond to join his State House staff where he served for more than four years. He left his position as Deputy Director of Constituent Affairs, Community Relations, and Municipal Affairs to become the Administrator of Management Services for [Rhode Island Department of Human Services](#). In this role he worked on health care reform, reform of the State's welfare system, and planning for universal access to health coverage.

He previously served as President of the [Gaspee Days Committee](#) and has been a member of the Board of the following groups: [Urban League of Rhode Island](#), [Westbay Community Action](#), [Pawtuxet Village Association](#), and [Elmwood Community Center](#). He served two terms as the Vice Chairman of Rhode Island Republican Party and has been elected to the five Republican National Conventions. He also has been a member of the Martin Luther King, Jr. State Holiday Commission, the Housing Appeals Board, State Internship Commission, and [State Criminal Steering Committee](#).

Ryan Brooks, Director, [Department of Administrative Services, City of San Francisco](#)

Ryan Brooks serves as the Director of Administrative Services for the City and County of San Francisco. Mr. Brooks is responsible for policy and planning for 14 City Departments, various ongoing City programs, over 400 employees, and a budget of \$360- million. He manages all public buildings, facilities and real estate for the City and County of San Francisco. He is also responsible for departmental policies and procedures, monitors compliance, and implementation of mayoral and legislative policy, oversees departmental goals and objectives, in addition to projects, operations, personnel, budgets, and short and long-term planning.

Under his tenure, Mr. Brooks has expanded the Office of Risk Management and was instrumental in the creation of the [Office of Contract Administration](#) to implement Prevailing Wage, Living

Wage and Health Care Ordinances. He has developed and implemented emergency response plans for city facilities to address and prepare for the possibility of a terrorist attack.

Mr. Brooks, a native of Los Angeles, CA has over ten years of experience in the field of environmental justice, environmental sciences, community relations and public policy. In his position as Director of Community and Public Relations for the [United States Navy](#) in San Bruno, CA from 1996 to 1998, Mr. Brooks was responsible for the management and coordination of public policy for one third of the base closures in the United States. Mr. Brooks as contractor, was a Pentagon advisor on public policy to the Deputy Undersecretary of Defense for Environmental Securities. Through his broad range of experience, he is recognized as an authority on issues of environmental concern, public policy and city management.

Mr. Brooks serves on the executive board of "[Speak to Children](#)," a non-profit agency which provides education and support to parents, teachers and children by reinforcing basic values that foster self-awareness and character development in the child. Mr. Brooks is an active member in the [Democratic Leadership Council](#) (DLC) and serves to recruit new members into the organization.

Mr. Brooks received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Industrial and Organizational Psychology from [San Diego State University](#).

Patrick Henry Hays, Mayor, [City of North Little Rock, AR](#)

Mayor Patrick Henry Hays, a native of North Little Rock, is an attorney educated in Political Science and Law at the [University of Arkansas](#) in Fayetteville. He practiced law in North Little Rock from 1973 until 1988, when he was elected to his first four-year term as mayor and is now serving his fourth term.

Prior to becoming Mayor, he was elected State Representative for District 66 and served in the 76th Arkansas General Assembly. Hays was also elected as the City of North Little Rock's delegate to the Arkansas Constitutional Convention of 1979-1980. He attained the rank of Captain in the [U.S. Army Reserve](#).

He is past President of the [Arkansas Municipal League](#); appointed by former Governor Bill Clinton to the Arkansas State Jobs Training and Coordinating Committee; and appointed by former Governor Jim Guy Tucker to the Arkansas Police and Fire Pension Task Force and the Private Property Rights Task Force.

Mayor Hays is a member and Past President of [Metroplan](#), the regional council of local governments for central Arkansas. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the [Greater Little Rock Chamber of Commerce](#) and the [North Little Rock Chamber of Commerce](#). Active in the U.S. Conference of Mayors, Mayor Hays was appointed to the National Unfunded Mandates Task Force, serves as Chairman of the Conference's Electric Utility Deregulation Task Force, serves as Co-Chair of the Conference's Rail System Restoration Team, and was elected to the Conference's Advisory Board in June of 1996. In June of 1999, Mayor Hays was elected as a Trustee of the U.S. Conference of Mayors. As one of 13 Trustees, Mayor Hays shares in the executive and policy-making responsibility for the Conference. Also, Mayor Hays serves on the Advisory Board of the State and Local Legal Center, which is governed by the U.S. Conference of Mayors. In July of 2000, Mayor Hays was selected to serve as a member of Amtrak's Mayors' Advisory Council.

Mayor Hays is a recognized leader in community economic development, neighborhood revitalization, community-oriented policing, historic preservation and recreation development.

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Sally Blumenthal has been the Deputy Associate Regional Director for Lands, Resources and Planning, in the National Capital Region since 1991. Responsibilities include management of land use planning, land acquisition, legislation, and historic preservation programs for the National Park Service in Washington, DC and environs. She has spent over 25 years with the National Park Service in policy and management positions, and has experience with U.S. Government in areas of land use planning, land acquisition, legislation and historic preservation.

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Pete Brake, CPP, is an electrical engineer working in the [Electronic Security Center](#) of the US Army Corps of Engineers, Huntsville, AL. He is the Corps of Engineers Program Engineer supporting security upgrades at the [Smithsonian Institution](#) and other customers. He also teaches the Electronic Security System Design course. Mr. Brake has more than 25 years experience in designing and installing electronic security systems.

Mr. Brake is the Vice-Chairman of the [ASIS](#) Standing Committee for Security Architect & Engineer Services. He served as Treasurer of Chapter 127 and as Chapter Chairperson for Chapter 18. He attended [Florida Technological University](#) and graduated in 1974 with a BS degree in Electronics.

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Bernadette Castro, Vice Chairman, [Advisory Council on Historic Preservation](#); Commissioner, [New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation](#)

Ms. Castro was recently appointed by President George W. Bush as the Vice-Chair of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. Ms. Castro was appointed by Governor George E. Pataki in 1995 to head the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation and serves as State Historic Preservation Officer. Since her appointment, Commissioner Castro has provided leadership in several innovative programs including a number of public-private partnerships to preserve and enhance the New York State Park System.

As Commissioner, Ms. Castro oversees 164 state parks, 35 state historic sites, and 17 heritage areas, and is responsible for approximately 1,600 permanent and 5,000 seasonal employees. During her tenure under the leadership of Governor Pataki, 15 new state parks have been established, increasing the size of the system by 12%. In her capacity as Commissioner she coordinated the first-ever Historic Preservation Summit in New York State to educate business leaders on Federal tax credits and the role of historic preservation in community revitalization. She also serves on the board of the National Association of State Outdoor Recreation Liaison Officers and is active in the [National Association of State Park Directors](#).

Recently, Ms. Castro was awarded the Theodore Roosevelt Legacy of Conservation award through the [Audubon Society's Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary](#) and the Paumanok Award from the [Walt Whitman Birthplace](#). She is co-chair of the Empire State Task Force for Land and Water Conservation Funding, and serves on the Advisory Board of the [Theodore Roosevelt Association](#), a national organization.

Ms. Castro earned both an undergraduate and graduate degree from the [University of Florida](#), and she became the first woman to receive the University's Distinguished Service Alumni Award from the [College of Journalism](#).

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Paula Desio is Deputy Counsel to the United State Sentencing Commission in Washington DC, where she is responsible for economic crime policy analysis and organization sentencing and compliance issue under the federal Sentencing Guidelines. She is a frequent speaker and author on matters relating o business and organizational ethics. For the past two years, Ms. Desio has been the Commission staff liaison with federal executive and law enforcement agencies, museum representative, archaeologists and other interested members of the public regarding specific sentencing guidelines for cultural heritage resource crimes.

Prior to joining the Sentencing Commission in January 1997, Ms. Desio was Of Counsel to the Washington, DC law firm of [Crowell and Moring](#), where for ten years she specialized in internal investigation and the defense of businesses involved in federal criminal and agency enforcement proceedings and congressional hearings.

Ms. Desio received her JD from [Marquette University](#), holds master's degrees in both Latin American Literature and Latin American Studies from the [University of Wisconsin](#) and was graduated cum laude from [Bucknell University](#), where she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. She is a Senior Fellow of the [Ethics Resource Center](#) Fellows Program, and an active member of the Edward Bennett Williams Collar Crime Inn of Court in Washington DC.

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Patricia Gallagher, AICP, Director, [National Capital Planning Commission](#)

Patti Gallagher serves as Executive Director of the National Capital Planning Commission, the federal government's central planning agency in Washington, DC National Capital region, which includes the District of Columbia and surrounding cities and towns in Maryland and Virginia. Ms. Gallagher manages a 55-member staff in preparing long-range plans and policies for preserving and developing federal land and buildings, reviewing and approving master plans and construction projects, and coordinating capital investment projects proposed by federal agencies in the region.

Prior to her appointment in April 2001, Ms. Gallagher held a variety of positions during her 15-year career with the [City of Chicago Department of Planning and Development](#). In 1998, Ms. Gallagher was appointed Deputy Commissioner of Strategic and Land-use Planning, managing large-scale, long-range and downtown development plans. She also served as the Department's Assistant Commissioner for Open Space Planning, managing the CitySpace Program, a long-range plan to develop new parks, greenways and gardens throughout Chicago's neighborhoods and along its waterways.

Ms. Gallagher is a [Harvard Loeb Fellow](#) (1999-2000). She earned her BA in Public Administration and Urban Studies from [Elmhurst College](#) and her MA in Public Policy Analysis from [Northwestern University](#). Ms. Gallagher has authored numerous award-winning plans, including

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Melvyn Green, President, [Melvyn Green and Associates, Inc.](#)

Melvyn Green is currently the President of Melvyn Green and Associates, Inc., an engineering and architectural preservation firm specializing in historic and other existing buildings as well as building code development research in [Torrance, CA](#). Recent projects include earthquake damage repair and restoration of the [San Gabriel Mission](#) and buildings at [UCLA](#). Other recent work includes the repair and restoration of [San Jose Mission](#) and the strengthening of the [Golden Gate Bridge](#). Mr. Green was principal investigator for the update of the [FEMA 310 Handbook](#) for Seismic Evaluation of Existing Buildings and part of the team developing model seismic rehabilitation guidelines for [FEMA 356](#). He also authored the Uniform Building Conservation (UCBC). He is the current president of [Structural Engineers Association of Southern California](#) and a board member of [Earthquake Engineering Research Institute](#).

Philip W. Grone, [Principal Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense \(Installations and Environment\)](#)

On September 27, 2001, Philip W. Grone was appointed as the Principal Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Installations and Environment. As the Principal Assistant, Mr. Grone has responsibilities for management and oversight responsibilities for military installations worldwide. His primary focus concerns matters pertaining to military installations, including military construction programs, base closures and reutilization, housing and privatization, energy and utilities privatization, and competitive sourcing. Worldwide, Department of Defense installations have a land area covering over 46,000 square miles and containing 600,000 structures valued at over \$600 billion.

Prior to his appointment, Mr. Grone served for more than sixteen years as a professional staff member with the U.S. House of Representatives. As the Deputy Staff Director and the Assistant Deputy Staff Director for the [House Armed Services Committee \(HASC\)](#) from March 2000 through September 2001, Mr. Grone managed and coordinated all committee hearing, mark-up, floor and conference activities, including the production of the annual defense authorization bill.

From January 1995 through September 2001, Mr. Grone served as Staff Director of the HASC Subcommittee on Military Installation and Facilities. In that position, he led the staff development of the annual military construction authorization bill that provided funding for the building of key infrastructure improvements supporting military readiness and training, as well as the quality of life for military personnel and their families.

Mr. Grone graduated from [Northern Kentucky University](#), summa cum laude, with a BA and from the [University of Virginia](#) with an MA.

Alan M. Hantman, FAIA, [Architect of the Capitol](#)

Alan Hantman was appointed the tenth Architect of the Capitol by the President on January 6, 1997 and was confirmed by the [Senate](#) on January 30, 1997.

Mr. Hantman is responsible for the mechanical and structural maintenance of the Capitol, the care and improvement of the Capitol grounds, and the arrangement of inaugural and their ceremonies held in the building or on the grounds. He is charged with the upkeep of the [United States Capitol](#), the [Congressional Office buildings](#), the [Library of Congress](#), the [United States Supreme Court Building](#), the [Thurgood Marshall Federal Judiciary Building](#), the Capitol Power Plant, the Capitol Police Headquarters, and the [Robert Taft Memorial](#). He is responsible for the care of all [Joint Committee on the Library](#), provides advice and assistance as requested by the House Fine Arts Board with respect to items in its registry, and is responsible for the maintenance and restoration of murals, outdoor sculpture, and other architectural elements throughout the [Capitol Complex](#). In addition, he is responsible for the operation of the Senate Restaurants subject to the [Senate Committee on Rules and Administration](#), and he serves as the Acting Director of the [United States Botanic Garden](#) under the Joint Committee on the Library. He is a member of the [District of Columbia Zoning Commission](#), [Advisory Council on Historic Preservation](#), and National Capital Memorial Commission. He is also an ex officio trustee of the [National Building Museum](#) and a member of the Art Advisory Committee to the [Cushman & Wakefield, Inc.](#), Development Consulting Group. He also served as assistant Chief Architect with the national architectural-engineering firm of Gibbs & Hill, Inc., and with the internationally known architectural firms of Ulrich Franzen & Associates.

Mr. Hantman received his bachelors in architecture from the [City College of New York](#) and his masters in urban planning from the [City University of New York Graduate Center](#).

Joseph Hartman, Structural Engineer, [U.S. Army Corps of Engineers](#)

Joseph Hartman is a structural engineer who works at the Headquarters of the United States Army Corps of Engineers. He is their engineering leader for antiterrorism and security engineering. He is an active participant in the committee responsible for development of [Department of Defense](#) regulations and design manuals related to protective design. Since September 11, Mr. Hartman has been directly involved in evaluating damage to the Pentagon, and in developing additional protective measures.

Ann Hitchcock, Chief Curator, [National Park Service](#)

As Chief Curator of the National Park Service, Ann Hitchcock is responsible for servicewide policy and programs for management of over 90 million objects, specimens and archives in over 320 parks. She has held this position since 1980. She worked in museums in the U.S., Canada, and England, and taught museum studies at universities in the U.S. and Canada.

She believes that wisely managing documentation about resources will help you mitigate losses from emergency events, and, in some cases, to deter such events.

James T. Kienle, AIA, National Director of Historic Preservation Architecture, [HNTB Architecture](#)

James Kienle serves as National Director of Historic Preservation Architecture for HNTB Architecture. He has expertise in historic preservation, rehabilitation and adaptive reuse, office design, building assessments, historic structures reports, master planning, and urban design. He is a nationally recognized preservation advocate serving on the board of [Preservation Action](#) and the [National AIA Historic Resources Committee](#). Mr. Kienle has 35 years of professional experience in Architecture, Historic Preservation and Urban Design.

Mr. Kienle has a BA in architecture from the [Ohio State University](#).

Jeff Lee, ASLA, Landscape Architect, Lee and Liu Associates

Jeff Lee, ASLA, is a landscape architect with more than twenty-four years of experience in the profession. He is the founding principal of Lee & Liu Associates, Inc. (LLA), a firm of seventeen landscape architects, planners, and urban designers celebrating its fifteen years of practice.

Mr. Lee's experience in site security issues began with the United States Embassy in Mogadishu, Somalia which was the first embassy post-"Beirut Bombing" to establish the site security criteria. This experience led to many other international commissions for the U. S. Department of State.

On the domestic front, Mr. Lee led the winning design competition team for the Pentagon Remote Delivery Facility and the Pentagon Metro Entrance Facility. LLA's projects in the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Area include: The Ronald Reagan Building at Federal Triangle; the IRS National Headquarters in New Carrollton, Maryland; the FBI Washington Area Field Office, and many other projects with security concerns. Nationally, Mr. Lee has provided site design, security assessments, and proposed solutions for many major civic.

Among his activities in professional leadership, Mr. Lee is a past president of the American Society of Landscape Architects (Potomac Chapter, 1999). He serves as a trustee and a former co-chair of the Committee of 100 for the Federal City. He is a former chair of the technical committee for the D.C. Urban Forestry Council and a former board member of the D.C. Habitat for Humanity. He served as a panel member for a symposium titled "Circling the Wagons: City Planning and Designing in an Age of Risk," Beyond the Jersey Barrier: Designing Security in Washington conference held in 1997 and sponsored by the American Planning Association / Washington Architectural Foundation.

Jane S. Long, Director, Heritage Emergency National Task Force, Heritage Preservation

Jane S. Long has served as director of the Heritage Emergency National Task Force since its creation on 1995. The Task Force, sponsored by Heritage Preservation and the Federal Emergency Management Agency, is a partnership of 30 government agencies and nonprofit institutions. Ms. Long has served as project coordinator for the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities, assistant director of the National Institute for Conservation, and executive director of the Foundation for Public Affairs. Along with her husband Richard, she is co-author of *Caring for Your Family Treasures, a Heritage Preservation book published by Harry N. Abrams in Fall 2000. Jane holds a MA from the University of Chicago and a BA from the College of Wooster in Ohio.*

David W. Look, AIA, Historical Architect and Chief, Cultural Resources Team, Pacific Great Basin Support Office, National Park Service

Mr. Look is an historical architect with 28 years of experience in preservation. He started his career working on an Historic American Building Survey (HABS) Team. He has worked on a number of projects including Metals in America's Historic Buildings and The Interior Building: Its Architecture and Its Art. In 1980 he transferred to the Western Region of NPS in San Francisco, where he was a founder of the Friends of Terra Cotta (FOTC) and Western Chapter of the Association for Preservation Technology (WC/APT). Working with other professionals in the field he organized the first two conferences on the Seismic Retrofit of Historic Buildings (1984 and 1991). Mr. Look has been involved in damage assessment after a number of disasters including the Loma Prieta Earthquake (1989), Hurricane Iniki (1992), and the Dashur Earthquake near Cairo (1992).

His most recent publication is *Disaster Management Programs for Historic Sites* (1998), which he co-edited.

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Fran P. Mainella, Director, National Park Service

Fran Mainella was appointed by President George W. Bush and confirmed by the Senate as the 16th Director and the first woman to lead the National Park Service.

She has more than thirty years of experience in park and recreation management and is committed to improving the full scope of programs in an agency already renowned for the support and respect it has earned from the American public. She is vitally concerned with strengthening programs for preserving natural and cultural resources in the parks and reducing a massive maintenance backlog that affects all of the properties in the National Park System. She is especially focused on the opportunities available through strengthened volunteerism, partnership and outreach programs.

Most recently, she served twelve years as Director of Florida's Division of Recreation and Parks. Florida State Parks were voted the best in the nation, achieving the 1999-2001 Gold Medal Award given jointly by the national Sporting Goods Association and the National Recreation and Park Association.

During her tenure, the Florida Park Service became a national model for its volunteer and partnership programs which formalized and strengthened the effective use of interested, talents and committed individuals and companies to enhance a broad spectrum of programs and services for public benefit. She oversaw management of 155 state park units and the Florida

Keys to Pensacola Bay. She also served as Florida's Outdoor Recreation State Liaison Officer, administering Land and Water Conservation Fund grants to support acquisition and development of outdoor recreation sites.

The Connecticut native obtained her Bachelor's from the University of Connecticut and her Master's from Central Connecticut State College.

Diana McClure, Consultant, Institute for Business and Home Safety

Diana McClure is a consultant to the Institute for Business & Home Safety (IBHS), an initiative of the insurance industry to reduce deaths, injuries, property damage, economic loss and human suffering caused by natural disasters. Developed and implemented the Showcase Program for Natural Disaster Resistance and Resilience at the community and state level. Ms. McClure works with commercial lines member companies on small business recovery planning and staff support for IBHS Land Use Planning Committee, whose mission is to create disaster-resistant communities by getting natural hazards considered in all land use decision.

Ms. McClure was formerly a contractor with Rhode Island Sea Grant, mitigation specialist with FEMA Region I and regional representative for the Insurance Information Institute.

F. Joseph Moravec, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, General Services Administration

F. Joseph Moravec was appointed Commissioner of Public Buildings Service (PBS) of the United States General Services Administration (GSA) on June 4, 2001. Mr. Moravec is in charge of asset management and design, construction, leasing, operation, security and disposal for real estate portfolio of more than 330 million square feet in more than 8,000 public and private buildings accommodating over one million Federal workers. PBS owns or leases nearly all-civilian Federal office space, courthouses and border stations and many laboratories and storage facilities. The PBS annual budget is approximately \$6.5 billion, more than 90 percent of which is contracted out to the private sector.

Mr. Moravec has over twenty-five years of experience in the commercial real estate industry as practitioner and manager. He has served as president or partner of a number of firms including Leggat McCall & Werner, Grubb & Ellis, Barnes, Morris, Pardoe & Foster and Faison. Prior to coming to GSA, he was Senior Advisor for Business Development at the George Washington University.

He has been active, often in a leadership role, in numerous professional and civic organization, including the Washington DC Board of Realtors, DC Building Industry Association, Metropolitan Washington Association of Real Estate Professionals, Jubilee Housing, Norwood School and St Francis Episcopal Church.

A native of the New York City area, he is a graduate of Harvard University.

Jerry C. Podany, Head of the Department of Antiquities Conservation, the J. Paul Getty Museum

Jerry Podany has been employed within conservation at the J. Paul Getty Museum since 1978, serving as Head of the Department of Antiquities Conservation since 1984.

Mr. Podany has served as the president of AIC since 1999.

He is a fellow of the AIC and IIC; has served as a board member of the International Committee for the Conservation of Mosaics since 1994; and is a member of the American Institute of Archaeology, Conservation In Archaeology Committee.

Mr. Podany oversees projects internationally related to the conservation of ancient artifacts and the protection of collections from seismic threat and disasters and has published widely on conservation and methodologies and approaches. He has been involved in emergency response activities as well as teaching disaster response and mitigation in Taiwan, Greece, Cyprus, Mexico, Romania and Turkey as well as throughout the United States.

Yvette Ruan, Chief Ranger, Golden Gate National Recreation Area, National Park Service

Yvette Ruan, currently works for the National Park Service, at Golden Gate National Recreation Area, in the position of Chief Ranger. As Chief Ranger, Ms. Ruan oversees the public safety programs for the park, this includes oversight of the law enforcement ranger staff, the only 24 hour, 7 day a week structural fire department and the wildland fire management program. Golden Gate encompasses 76,000 acres of land within San Mateo, San Francisco and Marin Counties, and ranges from Exclusive to Proprietary jurisdictions. This requires close coordination with a number of city, county, state and federal agencies.

Ms. Ruan has been an employee of the National Park Service since January of 1980, she has been assigned to Golden Gate since 5/23/99. Previous assignments include serving as Chief Ranger for Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, Regional Equal Opportunity Manager, in the former Pacific Northwest Region of the National Park Service, Equal Opportunity Specialist in the Western Regional Office, Law Enforcement Ranger at Grand Canyon National Park, Biscayne National Park and Cabrillo National Monument.

Vicki Jo Sandstead, Historian, Northeast Region, National Park Service

Vicki Sandstead is a historian at the Boston Support Office for the Northeast Region, National Park Service. Her work entails developing disaster preparedness planning and mitigation efforts; including serving on the Task Force to develop a national curriculum for disaster planning and training. Ms. Sandstead also works on the National Historic Landmark Program. She is responsible for monitoring and reporting on the condition of and threats to national historic landmarks, as well as brokering, technical assistance on issues affecting landmarks.

Prior to her employment at the National Park Service, Ms. Sandstead worked for the Federal Emergency Management Agency establishing the Massachusetts Cultural Resources Disaster Preparedness Task Force. This program helps cultural agencies develop statewide hazard mitigation and recovery plans. Ms. Sandstead has also worked for the National Trust for Historic Preservation as Director of the Northeast Regional office

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